

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Sharebrokers are having anything but a gay time at present, business being almost at a standstill. An occasional attempt is made to infuse some life into the proceedings on the Stock Exchange (i.e. the Club steps and the doorway of the Hongkong Hotel) by some daring speculator anxious to plunge right away into the middle of next year, but after a feeble flicker, the negotiations generally collapse, leaving matters unchanged. Anticipations of a gloomy end of the year settlement have doubtless had some influence in depressing active business, but of that more anon. Banks are slightly weaker to-day, sellers ruling the market at 182 per cent. premium. Steamboats have again been brought on the tapis, and we hear of one small lot of 50 shares having changed hands for the end of the month at 49 per share premium. China Sugars are still out of favor at 134 for December 31st, and there are no buyers of Luzons at 90, although some time transactions in the latter stock have been arranged at 93 for March and 94 for April. We also hear that there is a demand for Luzons at 97 for the end of June, but we have not yet been able to ascertain who is "rushing" the market, although we can fathom the little game that is being played without the least difficulty. There has been so much shady business done in this wild game of unscrupulous share speculation of late, resulting in the ruin of more than one unfortunate victim—in fact the old game of the spider and the fly played over again with some new variations—that we feel justified in giving those of our readers who are amateur share traffickers a friendly word of warning. To use an old fashioned and homely phrase—a wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse, and those who leap in the dark after this hint will only have themselves to thank when the crash comes and they find themselves cornered.

Some little stir has been caused in share dealing circles these past couple of days by the sudden and totally unexpected departure for green fields and pastures new of a somewhat gay member of the Farsee persuasion. The gentleman in question went by the French mail, and if that jade rumour is to be believed he has left some trusting friends in this colony lamenting. Twenty thousand dollars is said to be the aggregate amount; but perhaps that is an exaggeration. We don't know if the dear departed took any Mexicans with him, and merely went because he found it too sad "to part," or whether he is entitled to the brief requiem "one more unfortunate."

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon Luzons have changed hands at 90 for the end of the month and there are still further buyers at the rate. Nothing else came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—cum New Issue—182 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$620 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$71 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,350 per share.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$112 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$200 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—57 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$49 per share, premium.
China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—110 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$150 per share, sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—20 per cent. div.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$134 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—3 per cent. premium.
Lasson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$150 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1 per cent. prem. ex int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/8
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 3/8
Credits at 4 months sight 3/8 @ 3/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months 3/9
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 470
Bank Bills, on demand 470
Credits at 4 months sight 470
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 228
Bank Bills, on demand 228
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 228
Bank Bills, on demand 228
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 227
Bank Bills, on demand 227
Private, 30 days sight 227
ON HONGKONG.—Bank, T. T. 227
Bank Bills, on demand 227
Private, 30 days sight 227

EXPORT CARGO.

Per 30,000 sacks, for New York—10 packages
Silo, 95 packages Silo, 100 packages
Milling, and 1,200 packages Sundries

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA	per picul, \$575
(Allowance, Tails 66)	
OLD MALWA	per picul, \$575
(Allowance, Tails 66)	
NEW PATNA, high touch (without choice)	per chest, \$560
NEW PATNA, high touch (first choice) per chest	\$562
NEW PATNA, high touch (bottom) per chest	\$565
NEW PATNA, high touch (second choice) per chest	\$557
NEW PATNA, low touch (without choice) per chest	\$557
NEW PATNA, low touch (first choice) per chest	\$560
NEW PATNA, low touch (bottom) per chest	\$562
NEW PATNA, low touch (second choice) per chest	\$555
NEW BENARES, high touch (without choice) per chest	\$547
NEW BENARES, high touch (first choice) per chest	\$549
NEW BENARES, high touch (bottom) per chest	\$551
NEW BENARES, high touch (second choice) per chest	\$547
NEW BENARES, low touch (without choice) per picul	\$565 @ \$552

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

KOW-SHING, British steamer, 1,354, D. Webster, 20th Dec.—Canton 19th Dec, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
OWARI MARU, Japanese steamer, 684, J. Adair, 20th Dec.—Glasgow 23rd October, and Singapore 12th Dec, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.	
MIRAMAR, British steamer, 891, Duggan, 20th Dec.—Swatow 19th December, General—Bun Hin Chan.	
WOLF, German gunboat, Commander von Raven, 20th Dec.—from Amoy.	
HESPERIA, German steamer, 1,136, F. Wagner, 20th December—Hamburg 1st Nov., and Singapore 12th Dec, General—Siemssen & Co.	
HAILONG, British steamer, 277, F. Ashton, 20th December—Tamsui 15th Dec, Taiwan 17th, Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, General—D. Laprak & Co.	
WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,109, Hunt, 20th Dec.—Haiphong 18th Dec, General—Butterfield & Swire.	
HYDASPES, British str., 1,891, Geo. Scrivenor, 20th Dec.—Bombay 17th Dec, Colombo 17th, Penang 12th, and Singapore 14th, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Saturus, German bark, for Taiwan.	
Quart Maru, Japanese str., for Yokohama.	
Huan-yuen, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.	
Tsun, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.	
Miramar, British steamer, for Singapore.	

DEPARTURES.

December 19, Fu-shun, British str., for Canton.	
December 19, Tamega, Portuguese gunboat, for Macao.	
December 20, Audacious, British frigate, for a cruise.	
December 20, Velocity, British bark, for Takao.	
December 20, Wille, German str., for Hoihow.	
December 20, Orantes, British troopship, for Singapore.	
December 20, Douglas, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.	
December 20, Hansa, Ger. bark, for Bangkok.	
December 20, Huan-yuen, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.	
December 20, Taron, British steamer, for Amoy and Shanghai.	

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Hesperia, str. from Hamburg, &c.—Miss Knabel, Messrs. Ebel, Henkel, and Schmidt, and 30 Chinese.	
Per Miramar, str. from Swatow.—34 Chinese.	
Per Owari Maru, str. from Singapore, &c.—40 Chinese.	
Per Hailong, str. from Tamsui, &c.—Baron Von Seckendorff, and 49 Chinese.	
Per Woosung, str. from Haiphong.—Mr. Pitman, and 12 Chinese.	
Per Hydaspes, str. from London.—Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Le Messurier, and Misses Le Messurier, Miss Livingston, Miss Nugent, and Mr. H. R. Clark, for Hongkong.	
From Venice.—Mr. Ewart, from Brindisi.—Messrs. Williams and Danby, from Bombay.—Messrs. Mirza Ebrahim and C. W. Wilson, from Penang.—97 Chinese, from Singapore.—Master W. Almada, Lieut. Mills, 1 Officer, R.E., to Non-commissioned officers, for Shanghai.—Messrs. Fryer and Klein, from Venice, from Bombay.—Mr. Curinulla Jan Mahomed, for Yokohama.—Rev. and Mrs. H. Atkinson and 5 children, Messrs. W. Lake and J. Keddie, from London.	

REPORTS.

The German steamship *Hesperia* reports left Hamburg on the 1st ultimo, and Singapore on the 12th instant. Had fine weather from Europe to Singapore. From Singapore to Hongkong had strong N.E. winds.

The British steamship *Hailong* reports left Tamsui on the 15th instant, and Taiwan on the 17th. Had moderate North to N.W. winds and fine weather. Left Amoy on the 18th. Had light N.E. winds and cloudy weather. Left Swatow on the 19th. Had light variable winds and fine weather to port. In Amoy the steamship *Chi-yuen*, in Swatow the steamships *Priam*, *China*, *Chefoo*, and *Taihow*.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

TIDE GAUGE & TELEGRAPH.											
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No. 592.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 430,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 318,235.56

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 31st March, 1883.....Tls. 968,235.56

DIRECTORS.
F. D. HITCH, Esq., Chairman.
C. LUCAS, Esq., WM. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. HARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [83]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON-TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000. EQUAL—\$333,333.33
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. [670]

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world at CURRENT RATES.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1883. [837]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [106]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A SECOND and FINAL BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTEEN DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per SHARE for the year 1882, will be payable on MONDAY, the 22nd instant. Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883. [794]

To be Let.

TO LET.

"BISNEE VILLA" Pokfulam, Furnished.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

OFFICES and COMPRODOR'S QUARTERS in MARINE HOUSE.
No. 17, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. FRAMER, HORNBY & Co.
Possession 16th January, 1884.
Apply to
E. R. BELLIOS.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [934]

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS in No. 14, YEE WO STREET, East Point. For Particulars enquire on the Premises.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1883. [914]

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us, No. 14, Queen's Road Central, are for further Particulars apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [607]

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the "CONSERVATORE DE' BELLIO" and late of the "ROSA ITALICA" Opera Company, has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.
CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, 31 and 33, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [108]

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS, 1883.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received, and have now on view, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF CHRISTMAS DELICACIES, ARTICLES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS, AND FANCY GOODS:

Comprising—
REAL TURTLE SOUP.
SALMON CUTLETS.
KIPPERED SALMON.
HERRINGS A LA SARDINES.
SARDINES AU CITRON.
HERRINGS IN WHITE WINE.
MACKEREL IN WHITE WINE.
FRENCH TRUFFLES.
ASSORTED ENGLISH PATTIES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
TRUFFLED CHICKENS IN JELLY.
FRENCH TINNED LARKS.
ASSORTED FRENCH PATES.
ASPARAGUS.
PETITS POIS.

CHAMPIGNONS.
BUDING SULTANA RAISINS.
PEEL FOR MINCEMEAT.
CHRISTMAS HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
RIPE STILTONS.
PORT DU SALUT CHEESE.
GRUYERE CHEESE.
GORGONZOLA CHEESE.
DOUBLE GLOSTER CHEESE.
FRENCH PLUMS.
FRUITS IN NOYEAU AND BRANDY.
CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.
ELVAS PLUMS.

MUSCATEL RAISINS.
BARCELONA & BRAZIL NUTS.
BEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.
BONBONS & DRAJES.
BONBONNIERS FOR XMAS TREES.
FRENCH CHOCOLATES.
NEWEST COSAQUES & CRACKERS.
FRENCH & ENGLISH TOYS.
MECHANICAL TOYS.
ELECTRIC TOYS.
FRENCH & ENGLISH DOLLS.
OUT-DOOR GAMES.
XMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS.
JEWEL CASES.
FANCY PIPES & CIGAR TUBES.
FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS.
WORK BAGS & BASKETS.
FURNITURE CASES.
NEW EMBOSSED STATUARY.
AFTERNOON TEA SERVICES.
TETE-A-TETE SETS.
CHINA FIGURES & VASES.
DUPLIX LAMPS IN NEWEST DESIGNS.
CHILDREN'S ANNUALS.
PRESENTATION BOOKS.
CABINET & SCRAP ALBUMS.
MENU & GUEST CARDS.
OSLER'S ARTISTIC CHINA & GLASS-WARE.

FLOWER BRACKETS & BASKETS.
FRENCH TEA & COFFEE SETS.
FLOWER STANDS.
TABLE DECORATIONS, LATEST DESIGNS & SHADES.
A HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM FOUNTAIN.
NEW ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.
COFFEE & TEA SERVICES.
SALAD BOWLS & HELPERS.
EPERGNES.
FLOWER & FRUIT STANDS.
NEW CENTRE PIECES.
DESSERT SETS.
WACHTER'S ROYAL-CHARTER CHAMPAGNE.
DEUTZ & GELDERMANN'S GOLD LACK CHAMPAGNE.
KRUC'S PRIVATE CUVÉE CHAMPAGNE.
LEMOINE'S VIN BRUT CHAMPAGNE.
SPARKLING MOSELLE.
DRY SHERRIES.
CHOICE BORDEAUX WINES.
AFTER DINNER PORT.
BURGUINDIES.
HOCKS.
LIQUEUR BRANDIES & WHISKIES.
LIQUEURS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1883. [902]

XMAS! XMAS! XMAS!!!

KOCH & Co.,
Nos. 15 & 17, POTTINGER STREET.
THE LATEST NOVELTY OUT.
AUTOMATIC WATER FOUNTAINS.
COME AND SEE, AND SATISFY YOURSELVES.

THE latest invention of the age, suitable for Parlour, Drawing Room or Conservatory. No Small! No Smoke! No Danger!!! These WATER FOUNTAINS are the result of a long series of scientific experiments, only just arrived at the acme of perfection. The motor power consists of a miniature engine propelled by hot air generated by a spirit lamp. The force of the engine is sufficient to raise a jet of water several feet in the air, being regulated as far as ten feet by the raising or lowering of the flame of the lamp. It takes but a few minutes to set the machine in motion. No special attention required, save to trim the lamp once in 24 hours. The Fountains are of tasteful design, and are arranged for the reception of aquatic plants, or as aquarium, to suit the pleasure of the possessor, and are made as strong and durable as iron, glass, and wood can make them. Will last a lifetime and cannot get out of order. Call and Satisfy Yourself.

KOCH & Co.,
Nos. 15 & 17, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [933]

COGNAC BORDEAUX CLARET
In Cases of 12 Bottles at \$4.50 per Case.
WOLFE, SCHMIDAM, SCHNAPPS
In Cases of 12 Bottles at \$4.50 per Case.

Also,
Some PRIME HOLLAND Jenever in Stone Bottles, and some POMERANZEN BITTERS.
Double-Barreled Breach-Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c.
Very Fresh ITALIAN CONDENSED MILK in Cases of 4 Dozens, at \$5.50 per Case.

Also,
F. SCHEFFER,
31 and 33, Pottinger Street.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1883. [862]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO. FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

WE have just received and are now showing the following NEW GOODS:

NEW DESIGNS IN BRUSSELS CARPETS with BORDERS & RUGS to Match.
A large and choice assortment of AXMINSTER and SKIN HEARTH RUGS.
EIDER-DOWN QUILTS and PILLOWS.
TRAVELLING RUGS in great variety.
A large stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.
Ebony and Walnut COAL VASES.
Single and Double PERAMBULATORS.
The New PATENT AIR LAMPS.
AUSTRIAN BENTWOOD FURNITURE.
FLOORCLOTHS for Halls, Rooms, and Passages.
COCAO MATTINGS, all widths.
COIR MATS.
&c., &c., &c.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [730]

XMAS!! XMAS!! XMAS!!!
ROSE & CO.
ARE SHOWING TOYS,
AND LATEST NOVELTIES IN
FANCY GOODS,
FROM PARIS.
EX-LAST FRENCH MAIL
31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [736]

KELLY & WALSH.
ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR NEW SEASON'S GOODS SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TARANTULA Spirit Scented Oak and Walnut, Nickel Mounted and Cut Glass Bottles.
Tarantula Perfume Sets, in Nickel and Gold; and Mexican Onyx and Gilt.
Plush and Walnut Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.
Very Handsome Wortley Writing Cabinets, completely fitted.
Vienna Work Baskets and Card Receivers, Satin lined and embroidered.
Powerful Mahogany Graphoscopes.
Combination Aneroids and Time Pieces.

Fitted Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.
New Designs in Photo and Scrap Albums.
Plush Wall Brackets and Wall Pockets.
Photo Frames in Plush, Velvet, Ormolu, Onyx, &c., &c.
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, beautifully embroidered.
Ladies' Hand Bags in Plush and Leather.
Novelties in Fans.
Book Slides in Walnut and Oak—Nickel Mounted.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.
ALL THE NEW BOOKS OF THE SEASON, INCLUDING,
Boy's Own Annual.
Girl's Own Annual.
Every Boy's Annual.
Every Girl's Annual.
Little Wide awake.
BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED JUVENILE BOOKS.
Little Ann, illustrated by Kate Greenaway.
From do Nothing Hall to Happy Day Home, illustrated by Miles.
A Small Selection of Magnificently bound Books for Presentation.
Beautifully Bound Church Services, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, &c.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [660]

W. B. BREWER. IS NOW SHEWING.

A VERY Elegant Assortment of FANCY GOODS, consisting of the NEW VIENNA WICKER WORK BASKETS beautifully trimmed and fitted, comprising Large Useful WORKBASKETS in entirely new shapes, lined and fitted.
WALL POCKETS & HANDBASKETS trimmed with Chiffon Gold Lace & Velvet.
A New Stock of LADIES HAND BAGS in Plush, Satin, Russia and Morocco Leathers.
The NEW BRASS WARE in a number of useful Articles, including: Card Trays, Watch Stands, Smokers Sets, Photograph Frames, &c., &c., &c.
PLUSH GOODS—New Designs in Writing Cases, Ladies' Companions, fitted, Blotting Books, Photograph Cases, Large Promenade Photo Frames, &c., &c.
WOOD GOODS—Oak Writing Desks, Walnut Writing Desks, and various other articles.
LEATHER GOODS—Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pocket Books, Letter and Card Cases, Purse, Photo Albums, Writing Cases, Ball Programmes, Indicators, Dressing Cases, &c., &c., &c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.
A VERY FINE LOT just received.
LETTS DIARIES.
RUDDY OLD BLOCK.
NEW MECHANICAL TOYS.
W. B. BREWER.
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [664]

NOW SHOWING.

CHRISTMAS TOYS and PRESENTS, including: LADIES' JUSH, &c., Work and Sewal Boxes, all built and ready for use. LADIES' and GENTS' PRESIDENT CASES. LADIES' BOOTS and SHOES, and GENTS' BOOTS. IVORY, PLUSH, and LEATHER TOYS. NICKEL PLATED LABELS for DECANTERS. NICKEL PLATED NUT CRACKERS. MOUNTED CORKS with LABELS for DECANTERS. Assorted kinds of CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS. PLUSH and LEATHER PHOTO ALBUMS. NICKEL PLATED STANDS for ALBUMS. Parisian made ORNAMENTS for TABLES, &c., &c., &c.
And a variety of other articles very suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

W. B. BREWER.
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1883. [731]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES, JADES, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 21st December, 1883, the Sale commencing at 10.30 A.M., pausing at NOON, and resuming at 2 P.M.,

A VERY FINE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINA WARE, CURIOS, &c. The same having just arrived in this Colony from the North of China, being a very careful and valuable collection made in Peking and the Northern Provinces of China, and comprising—

OLD MING, LACQUER, OLD PORCELAINS from the MING DYNASTY, the reigns of the Emperors KANG-HI, YUNG-CHUEN, and K'EN-LUNG, in FIVE COLOURED and BLUE and WHITE VASES, JARS, DISHES, PLATES, BOWLS, PURE BLACK KANG-HI and BLACK and GOLD K'EN-LUNG VASES, SANG DE BEUFE and FRAMBOISE PORCELAINS.

OLD BRONZES, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and a quantity of very fine JADE, OLD PEKIN ENAMELS [CLOISONNE] CURIOS, &c. And some good specimens of PORCELAINS of more modern manufacture.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [915]

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

FROM To-day's Date I have taken over the MANAGEMENT of this Company's Station at Hongkong.
IWAN BERNER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [944]

I HAVE this day established myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.
S. A. JOSEPH.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [924]

I HAVE this day commenced Business at the Port of KUNGHOW as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.
R. E. BRUCE.
Kunghow, 20th November, 1883. [903]

Intimations.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

THE well-known Business of BROWN JONES & Co. Undertakers, including STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c.
Apply to
GEO. STAINFIELD,
No. 6, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [942]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [946]

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE FIRST CALL of \$50, payable in respect of the NEW SHARES on the 30th September, in accordance with the Special Resolution passed at the General Meeting of 5th May, 1883, MUST BE PAID before the 10th of December, 1883, failing which the Shares will be dealt with as provided for by Clause 3 of the above named Resolutions.
By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [928]

ROYAL YORK HOTEL.
OLD STYING, BRIGHTON, ENGLAND.
THE above HOTEL is centrally situated, with suitable Rooms and ample accommodation for travellers, especially those coming from Eastern China, and Families and Gentlemen will find every comfort they can wish for at the above establishment.
A. ROADLY, Proprietor.

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL.
55, BROAD STREET, LONDON, W.
THE above is a Commodious and Suitable HOTEL for FAMILIES and Gentlemen going home from the Far East. It is under the direct Management of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RAGNELL, who spare no pains in providing their visitors with every possible comfort.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"VENICE"
Captain Ainslie, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about SATURDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [936]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLCO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ADEN, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)
THE Company's Steamship

"ORION,"
Captain C. Mallorich, will be despatched as above, on or about THURSDAY, the 27th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [940]

THE AUSTRALASIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIA PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

THE Steamship
"NAPLES,"
Captain Thom, will be despatched as above, on TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1884, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [936]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's Steamer
"CATTERTHUN,"
will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1884.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 P.M., on MONDAY, the 14th January.

Contents and Value of the Packages must be declared.
For Freight of Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [939]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR VICTORIA B.C.

THE A. I. British Bark
"ALICE MARY,"
Davis, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [921]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship
"ONEIDA,"
Carver, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [905]

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M., on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading for goods and cargo, to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Europe, will be received at the Office of the Company, 10, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

Through Passage Tickets granted in England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamships, will be received at the Office of the Company, 10, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.

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